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Mayor Visits Hispanic Heritage Show At Amidon



Amidon students take the stage to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month.

ozens of students at Amidon Elementary School entertained Mayor Anthony Williams with songs, poems, dances and drums of Cuba, Mexico and other Latin America countries. It was the school's celebration on Oct. 6 of Hispanic Heritage month.



Mayor Anthony Williams poses with Amidon student Jihad Basir, who wrote a letter inviting the mayor to the school.

Odyssey To Have A Second Boat

By Gottlieb Simon

he 600-passenger Odyssey cruise liner may soon have a "little" sister. The liner's owners have revealed plans for a 400-passenger sightseeing vessel. The plans came out when Dimitri Mallious, attorney for the Odyssey owners went before the ABC Board last month.

The Odyssey already has an ABC license. Mallious' careful reading of the ABC law suggested that ship owners can put more than one vessel on the same ABC license. Land-based ABC license-holders, on the other hand, need a license for each "establishment." Furthermore, if a bar-owner makes a

substantial change by adding another room for seating another, say, 50 people, he must get ABC approval after notifying the public of his plans.

Mallios wanted to know if the Board would consider a second Odyssey a "substantial change in operations." The Board, which has the legal authority to declare a restaurant's change in menus a "substantial change," concluded that a new 400-passenger vessel would not be.

If the Board had decided otherwise, the Odyssey would have had to publicize their plans before getting the Board's ok. Board

member Ellen Opper-Weiner wanted to know, "What would be the harm if you had to placard to give the community a chance to have some imp ut?"

"Timing," replied General Manager Tom D'Amato, pressing for a quick decision by the Board. His attorney added that "unless it

got issued quickly, (the first hearing) would be the November 22nd or two weeks later."

Board Chairman Rod Woodson said the Board was "disappointed" that "you hadn't discussed this

with the ANC before you came to us with this proposal," but indicated that he felt if there was any problem it would be "expressed at license renewal time."

According to a transcript of the meeting, which ANC 2D obtained later, D'Amato described the new vessel as being for a "totally different business segment." In answer to questions about the boat's hours, he said "The business plan calls for probably three sightseeing cruises, starting around eight o'clock in the morning and ranging to two

and half hours per cruise, depending on how many sights we want to be able to get to and back from."

According to D'Amato the last sightseeing would return around 5 or 6 in the evening, and then would be available "for other uses, whether that's private charters or what have you."

ANC Commissioner Andy Litsky, who got wind of the Odyssey's plans after the ABC meeting, intends to bring the matter up

Greenline Expands In January, 2001

etro's long-anticipated opening of the final portion of the Green Line could occur as early as next January according to Metro's World Wide Web site. Metro is putting the finishing touches on five newly constructed Green Line stations in Southeast D.C. and Prince George's County. Stations will open at Congress Heights, Southern Avenue, Naylor Road, Suitland, and Branch Avenue, near the Beltway. The Green Line extension will make many difficult-to-reach locations more accessible to the general public. For example, the station at Congress Heights is within walking distance of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and a thriving business district on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard S.E.

Of major significance for Southwesters is the fact that the new stations are all near major roads traveled daily by Southeast and PG County motorists who currently commute to D.C. via Southwest. Many hundreds of these motorists will no doubt switch to Metro after the Green Line extension opens. This could greatly reduce rush-hour traffic congestion in Southwest. If so, the frequent weather-induced bumper-to-bumper traffic tie-ups on the Southwest Freeway, the South Capitol Bridge, and M Street S.W. may soon be a thing of the past or at least a



less frequent occurrence.

For additional information on the Green Line extension, including pictures of the five newly constructed but as yet non-operational Metro stations, visit Metro's Web site at www.wmata.com.

School Board

Candidates To

Appear Oct. 23

Southwest Task Force Meets Thurs., Oct. 19

ard 2 Councilmember Jack Evans's Southwest Task Force will meet at 7 pm, Thurs., Oct. 19, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th and M St. S.W.

The meeting will focus on the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. Guest speakers will be Uwe Brandes, Revitalization Planner, and Kasia Grzelkowski, Neighborhood Planning Coordinator for Ward 2.

Two days later an all-day workshop will deal with the plans for a "Riverwalk" along the Anacostia River. It will be held Sat., Oct. 21, from 8:30 am to 4 pm at Savoy Elementary School near the Anacostia Metro station in Southeast. For information call Robert Patten, 202-442-8708.

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he Mon., Oct. 23, meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will feature candidates in the Nov. 7 election for the D.C. Board of Education, speaking and answering questions. The meeting will be at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W. at 7 pm.

All candidates who will be on the ballot in Southwest, D. C. on Nov. 7 are invited. They are (in alphabetical order): *Candidates for Chair:*

Peggy Cooper Cafritz, Robert G. Childs, and Lawrence A "Larry" Gray. Candidates for New District 1 (Ward 1 combined with Ward 2):

Lenwood "Lenny" Johnson, Harvey C. Jones, Malcolm Lovell, Glenn J. Melcher, Julie Mikuta, Thomas E. Smith, Linda E. Softli, and Ann C. Wilcox.

Not on the ballot are the four board members to be appointed by Mayor Anthony Williams. He has asked for suggestions from the public.

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Dead birds found on Hains Point in Southwest, with West Nile Virus have motivated the D.C. Dept. of Health to increase emphasis on mosquito control. Mosquitoes lay 100-200 eggs on the surface of water in discarded tires, clogged rain gutters, flower pot trays, wading pools, upside down garbage can lids, etc. In about 10 days adult mosquitoes hatch and live about 2 weeks, not far from where they hatched. They land on humans or pets and have a blood meal.

Insect repellents containing DEET on exposed skin and clothing are best for driving off the pests. "Breeding can be reduced by eliminating standing water...One discarded tire can produce tens of thousands of mosquitoes over a season," the Dept. of Health warns. ■

Former FBI Bldg. On Half St. S.W. To Be Renovated

The Oct. 6 issue of the Washington Business Journal has a story about the sale of 1900 Half St. S.W., the vacant building that once housed the regional office of the FBI.

According to the Journal, the owner, Laszlo N. Tauber, is selling it to a Pennsylvania company that will spend more than \$10 million to renovate the seven-story building and lease space for \$30 a square foot to tech firms, government contractors and the General Services Administration.

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Southwest Community Calendar

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October-November				
Oct. 25	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm		
	-	Southwest Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place,SW		
Oct. 26	Thursday	NARFE 12:30pm SW Branch Library		
Nov. 1	Wednesday	SWNA Waterside Mall-Waterfront Task Force 7pm		
		SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.		
Nov. 4	Saturday	PSA 110 Walkathon 10am 240 M St. SW		
Nov. 4 & 18	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club 10am		
		Southwest Branch Library 920 Wesley Place,SW		
Nov. 6	Monday	SWNA Board Meeting 7 pm		
		SWNA Office, Waterside Mall, 401 M St. S.W.		
Nov. 7	Tuesday	GENERAL ELECTION!!! 7am-8pm, Precinct 127 -		
		St. Matthew's Church, Precinct 128 - Friendship		
		Baptist Church, Precinct 129 - Jefferson Jr. HS		
Nov. 8 & 22	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club 6:45pm		
		Southwest Branch Library 920 Wesley Place,SW		
Nov. 13	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D		
		7:00 pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St.		
Nov. 14	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council,		
		7:00pm		
Nov. 15	Wednesday,	AARP SW Waterfront Chapter #4751		
		12 noon St. Matthews Lutheran Church 222 M St. SW		
Nov. 16	Thursday	NARFE - 12:30 pm SW Branch Library,		
	m1 1	920 Wesley Place,SW		
Nov. 16	Thursday	Police Partnership with Community Workshop 7pm		
		River Park Mutual Homes, 1301 Delaware Ave., SW		
NI 10	ml l	South Commons Room		
Nov. 16	Thursday	Southwest Community House Annual Mtg. 7 pm		
		Bowen Elementary School, Delaware Avenue and M		
N 99	Th	Street, S.W		
Nov. 23 Nov. 27	Thursday	THANKSGIVING!! Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Mts. 7nm		
1NOV. 27	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Mtg. 7pm		
		St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M St. S.W.		

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. Nov. 8 to C.W. Hargrave 554-

Where To Call In D.C. Government

Southwest's website www.swdc.org has a link to "City of Washington, D.C.", the city's web site.

Once on the city's website, click on "Citizen Services" and "Public Works", for example, and you can learn about: Abandoned Vehicles 645-4227

Parking Meters and Parking Signs, 541-6030

Many services just refer you to the main operator for the city—727-1000. For example: Alley Cleaning, Bulk Collection, Dead Animals, Illegal Dumping, Leaf Collection, and Rats all list that number.

Under Citizen Services—Motor Vehicles you will learn of the new extended hours at the inspection station at Half and L St. S.W., which are 6 am to 10 pm. Designated lines #1 and #2 are for taxicabs and fleet vehicles from 7 am to 4 pm Mon-Friday and 7 am to 1 pm on Sat.

From the city's home page, clicking on "Directory by Topic" brings you to alphabetical listings of phone numbers for city services.

How this information compares with the blue pages in the telephone book is uncertain. For example, Abandoned Vehicles in the blue pages list 645-5800 and all listings for Motor Vehicles are 727-5000 in the blue pages. Pothole repair is 645-7055 and "Street lights" is 269-0855 in the blue pages. ■

Library



The summer reading program at S.W. Branch Library ended with ballet dancers, punch and cookies for daycare children in the neighborhood.



Students and teachers from the Southwest Child Development Center at St. Matthews Lutheran Church.

Halloween Parties Open To Kids in S.W.

Tues. Oct. 31 will no doubt be a busy time at our neighborhood schools, but also at other places.

Greenleaf Extension plans a block party in the 200 block of L St. S.W. from 4 pm to 7 pm. There will be food, games, music, apple bobbing, a moon bounce, whip ride, and school supplies, according to Tracey B. Hooks, 724-2152.

King Greenleaf Recreation Center will have something for kids 5 to 12 at 4 pm and 13 to 18 at 7 pm. ■



Last Halloween at King-Greenleaf Recreation

Ice Skating Rink Opens In Nov.

The skating rink on the National Mall between $7^{\hbox{th}}$ and $9^{\hbox{th}}$ St. N.W. will reopen November 15, 2000, through March 15, 2001. Hours are 10 am to 10 pm, although it opens an hour later on Sunday and stays open an hour later on Friday and Saturday.

Admission is between \$4 and \$5.50, with skate rental and use of lockers \$2.50.

A lunch room—open year round - serves pizzas, sandwiches, salads, fresh-baked goods, desserts, coffee, hot chocolate, beer and wine, with a special menu for children.

Clear glass boards surrounding the rink give skaters a view of the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden, with 17 works of art and extensive foliage.

The closest Metrorail stop is L'Enfant Plaza, the 7th and Maryland Ave. S.W. exit. The 70 and 30 buses go nearby. The National Gallery of Art website is www.nga.gov. ■



The Fun Wagon at King Greenleaf Recreation Center provided bicycle rides for S.W. children.

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Club #4's 90 lb. Wins At Homecoming

By Baybay Shannon

The game against Club #11 looked promising from the start. With their first possession of the game, and strategic play-calling from Coach-of-the-Year candidate Ronald "Horse" Hines, Club #4 marched over 65 yards for a touchdown to take an early 7-0 lead, which they took into halftime. The second half started with the opponents scoring on their first drive. A failed extra point conversion left the Vikings cuddling a one point lead.

At 7-6 Club 4 countered with a little trickery. With an all-out blitz facing the Vikings, the half-back option was pulled from the closet. A flattening block by #32, Little "E", allowed the one second Nate Waldron needed to split two defenders with a 47-yard bullet pass that was caught and scored by Keith Goff.

The team was never threatened again. James Parson, the defensive mastermind behind the toughest defense in the league, stymied #11s offense and held them scoreless in the second half.

James "J.J" Frye led this defensive assault by causing two fumbles and also recovering one. ■



HOMECOMING CHAMPIONS. The 90 lb team of Club #4 relaxes after its 13-6 victory over Club #11 of Anacostia at King-Greenleaf Field at Canal and N St. S.W. Coaches are Ronald Hines, James Parson, Mark Parks and Paul Waldron. (See action photos of the game on this page).



The 105 lb. football team of Club #4, led by Coach Troy.



Terrance Ross, #7, on a quarterback roll out. Blocking is led by #8, Nate Waldron, with the seal block on your left by #1, George Washington



Nate Waldron, #8, on a 34 blast is finally tackled.

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Nate Waldron, #8, on a 38 sweep. Blocking led by #1, George Washington.



Nate Waldron, #8, on a quick slant, with #3, Kenneth Turner, giving him a nice block to free him for extra yardage.



#4's kickoff team.

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Lost Check For \$10,000 Replaced By SW Assembly

A 1997 check from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly to the D.C. Public School system - but never cashed by the city—has been replaced by a new check.

In 1997 the Assembly received—and paid over to the school system - \$10,000 as a grant from Fannie Mae to help speed up the sale of Syphax School so that it could be used for new housing.

On July 19, 2000 the school system's chief financial officer accepted the new check "as payment in full of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's financial obligation to D.C. Public Schools for the Syphax School purchase."

Ft. McNair To Renovate NCO Quarters

An Environmental Assessment (EA) and Find-ing of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been prepared for the renovation of eight Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) family housing units. The EA and FONSI are available to the public at the S.W. Branch Library at 3rd and I Sts., S.W. (entrance on Wesley Place). ■

14 Story Apt. Bldg. East of New Jersey Ave.

The Hill Rag has reported plans for a new 370-unit apartment building between New Jersey Ave. and 2nd St. S.E. from K to L St. S.W. It will include a hotel and retail space. A building at that site was used for methadone drug treatment years ago. ■



Competing in a Toastmasters' speech contest at the S.W. Branch Library are, left to right: Ramon Korionoff, Quintin Wilkinson and Remo De La Pena. The Fil-Am club meets the second and fourth Wednesdays at 6:45 pm at the library.

SAT Deadlines Oct. 27, Dec. 22

Deadlines for mailing application forms for taking the SAT college entrance exams are Oct. 27 for the Saturday, Dec. 2 test and Dec. 22 for the Saturday, Jan. 27 test. The fee that must accompany the application is \$37.

Students receive an admission ticket in the mail 10 days or more before the test date. Bring it, a driver's or non-driver's license containing a photo, two No. 2 pencils and a calculator to the test.

The application booklet explains how to take the Saturday, Nov. 4, test as a walk-in by paying an extra fee—even though the deadlines have past. Application booklets are at high school counselors offices.

Bring Back Right To Vote: Norton

D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton is urging the U.S. House of Representatives to return the right of the D.C. delegate to Congress to vote on preliminary motions on the House Floor.

Until 1995 House rules permitted the delegate to vote along with House Members on amendments during preliminary consideration of a bill "in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union."

"The U. S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals both ruled that the House could constitutionally allow delegates to vote on the House floor," Congresswoman Norton testified.

Supporting Congresswoman Norton at a House committee hearing were Republican Members of Congress Tom Davis of Virginia and Connie Morella of Maryland. ■



The Hill Rag's illustration of a proposed new apartment building on New Jersey Ave. S.E.

Club #4 B.B. Needs Your Help

S.W. youngsters can't be on one of the eight basketball teams being organized by Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Club #4 unless their parents or someone comes up with a \$25 registration fee to pay the city-wide headquarters on Benning Road S.E.

Three of the teams and the cheerleaders need new uniforms. Contributions can

be made out to MPB & G Club #4, 101 M St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024. Attn: Director Alvin E. Hudgens.

One of our southwest teams won the 44th Annual Police Athletic League national tournament last April in Albany, N.Y. Let's support our neighborhood youngsters

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Make G St. Two-Way From 7th to 9th St. S.W?

Action has been deferred on a proposal to make G St. S.W. from 7^{th} to 9^{th} St. two-way, instead of the present one-way east bound traffic pattern.

Access to the new Capitol Square townhouses at 7th and G St. S.W. has been disrupted by the reconstruction work on the 7th St. bridge over Highway I-295. Southwest ANC 2D was asked for its opinion on allowing westbound G St. traffic to continue across 7th St. and 7th St. traffic to turn west on G St.

A Department of Public Works representative offered to make a new traffic study to analyze the situation.

Mon. Nite F.B. At **Z**anzibar

A large projection screen and large TVs have been installed upstairs at Zanzibar On The Waterfront for viewing Monday night football.

With a live pre-game show from 5:30 to 8:45 by Sports Talk 980 Radio, a live DJ and T-shirt and hat giveaways, the popular nightclub and restaurant introduce a great attraction to the Southwest Waterfront.

The schedule is:

10/23/00	Miami @ New York Jets
10/30/00	Tennessee @ Washington
11/06/00	Minnesota @ Green Bay
11/13/00	Oakland @ Denver
11/20/00	Washington @ St. Louis
11/27/00	Green Bay @ Carolina
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Fourth Street Upgrade

By Jean Macdonald



Smooth sidewalks and breathing space for large tree roots can be seen along Fourth St. S.W.

The "Sidewalks of New York" they are NOT, but any pedestrian walking down Fourth Street SW from M Street to P St. is bound to notice the new cement pavement the city has

Paul Corliss, manager of Harbour Square, said that while he would like to take credit for this improvement, he didn't know whether his telephoning did the trick. He had called the District about the broken and uneven pavements on Fourth St. from the time he came to Harbour Square, and then his assistant followed up. Promises, promises. While waiting for action, he had all the cracks, bumps and breaks painted bright vellow to alert pedestrians to the dangers.

This summer jack hammers broke up the old cement and new, smooth sidewalks were laid. As an extra touch, sod was laid on all the parking strips.

Another upgrade is being done to the River Park houses on Fourth St. with new paneling on the facades.

Now a walk down Fourth St. on the way to Ft. McNair is a pleasure. Enjoy.

Annual Tribute To Jazz Oct. 28

An all-day tribute to jazz musicians and supporters who have died will be held from 2 pm to 10 pm Saturday, Oct. 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eve) St. S.W.

Coordinated each year by Earl Banks Lettumplay, the free celebration and memorial concert will hear several dozen jazz musicians during the day. The church sponsors the weekly Friday Night Jazz in S.W. The Oct. 28 concert is the only concert that has an open mike. ■

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ANC 2D's Challenge to the Spirit Lines is Continuing.

Appearing at a "status hearing" in early October, Spirit General Manager Ed Green and ANC 2D representatives, Commissioner Andy Litsky and Executive Director Gottlieb Simon agreed to set a date for ABC mediation.

The first mediation meeting is scheduled for late October. One of the issues separating the two sides is responsibility for idling tour buses who bring patrons

to the popular cruise ships.

The ANC is pressing for Spirit Lines to do more to prevent needless idling and objectionable bus parking. The ANC is also concerned about noisy cruise revelers who continue partying after they disembark from the Spirit boats late at night.

Needs A Title

"Use it or loose it" is fast becoming the slogan of the city's newly invigorated ABC Board as the owners of the waterfront's Gangplank learned at an October Board hearing.

Following the disastrous fire, the Gangplank's owners turned their liquor license into the city for "safekeeping." It has remained there ever since with regulatory officials routinely extending the life of the license. During the summer the ABC Board served notice that the old ways would come to an end. They told license holders they intended to cancel licenses if they weren't being used.

At the benest of ANC Commissioner Andy Litsky in whose ANC district the Gangplank is located, ANC 2D asked the ABC Board to apply this new policy to the Gangplank.

Citing its own concerns and the ANC's, the Board gave the Gangplank owners four months to present them with a specific timetable for re-opening the popular restaurant or they threatened to end the license

Gangplank representatives told the Board that they had run into unexpected difficulties. They said they had to wait for the right water temperatures before divers could assess underwater damage. Then they found that the damage was greater than expected and were having difficulty finding repair companies willing to bid on the project. ■

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